(b) the targets of recovery for the year 2003-04 and the actual recovery from the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Rcovery of oustanding PF dues is effected in accodance with the provisions of the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. This includes attachment and sale of properties, arrest and detention of defaulters, appointment of receiver to manage the defaulters' properties. The Organisation has targeted recovery of entire realizable balances in shortest possible time.

(b) The target fixed initially for 2003-04 was Rs. 1000.00 Crore as against the collection of Rs. 886 Crore achieved during 2002-03. However, the Organisation was able to recover Rs. 1832.70 crore during 2003-04.

Measures to Enhance Job Opportunities

2554. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the numebr of registered and unregistered unemployed youths in the country; State-wise;

(b) how many are added to the unemployed index due to the closure of factories;

(c) the measures contemplated, if any, for achieving quantum enhancement in job opportunities; and

(d) the time frame thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) State-wise details of the number of job seekers (all age groups) and those in the age group (up to 39 years) all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered with the employment exchanges as on 31st Dec. 2003 are given in the enclosed statement (*See below*). Details about the unregistered unemployed are not maintained.

(b) As per the provisional information available for 2004, number of persons affected due to closure of units was around 9759.

(c) and (d) Government is targeting creating of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th Plan period (2002-07) in the

normal growth process as well as through special employment generation programmes.

Statement

Number of job seekers (all age-groups) and those in the Age-Group (up to 39 years) on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on 31st December 2003.

(In thousands)

Sl No.	States	Total all categories	Live register for the Jobseekers in the age group up to 39
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	2674.3	2592.4
2	Arunachal Pradesh	24.0	23.9
3	Assam	1568.6	1501.6
4	Bihar	1694.4	1585.0
5	Chhattisgarh	849.5	834.8
6	Delhi	1119.6	1075.1
7	Goa	104.3	103.0
8	Gujarat	998.1	969.2
9	Haryana	902.3	859.5
10	Himachal Pradesh	907.5	844.8
11	Jammu and Kashmir	115.1	107.5
12	Jharkhand	1466.2	1392.8
13	karnataka	1784.3	1697.6
14	Kerala	3635.1	3359.6
15	Madhya Pradesh	2003.2	1920.6

1	2	3	4
16	Maharashtra	4324.7	4221.7
17	Manipur	442.9	421.0
18	Meghalaya	35.8	35.8
19	Mizoram	36.3	36.1
20	Nagaland	42.7	42.3
21	Orissa	736.2	713.2
22	Punjab	484.4	453.0
23	Rajasthan	817.0	795.7
24	Sikkim*		
25	Tamil Nadu	5006.4	4678.0
26	Tripura	365.3	331.2
27	Uttaranchal	316.6	311.5
28	Uttar Pradesh	1927.8	1855.9
29	West Bengal	6721.5	6130.6
30	A. & N. Islands	33.6	32.3
31	Chandigarh	67.9	63.1
32	D. & N. Haveli	5.9	5.7
33	Daman and Diu	9.1	8.5
34	Lakshadweep	10.6	10.5
35	Pondichery	157.6	153.3
	TOTAL	**41388.7**	**39166.8**

*No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.

Totals may not tally due to rounding off.